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Thirteenth Meeting of the Latin Club

CHANGE OF PLACE

The thirteenth regular meeting of The New York Latin Club is called for Saturday, December 3, at 12 M, in the Hotel St Denis, corner of Broadway and Eleventh Street, New York. Professor John C Rolfe of the University of Pennsylvania, will address the club. The subject will be announced later. All persons who are interested, whether teachers of Latin or not, are cordially invited to be present. The plan is to serve luncheon at 12 M, promptly, so that there shall be no delay. The address will follow the luncheon, and adjournment will occur about 2 P M, thus leaving the afternoon still unbroken, for those who attend. Please send a postal card at once to the Sec'y, Mr A L Hodges, 309 W 101 st, N Y, if you intend to be present, so that we may inform Mr Taylor, the proprietor of the hotel, how many to expect. Please attend to this at once.

The price of the luncheon will be 75 cents to members, \$1.00 to others. A ticket entitling a member to the three luncheons of the year can be secured of the Secretary in advance for \$2.00.

Out-of-town teachers may find it convenient to be in the city on the day announced.

Information as to the conditions of membership in The Latin Club can be had at this meeting, or by referring to Nos 3 and 10 of THE LATIN LEAFLET, or by addressing the Secretary

H H BICE, *President*

A L HODGES, *Secretary*

Analecta

Several years ago one of my colleagues asked me what was the precise meaning of *analecta* used in the title of a book. I was unable, I found, to give as satisfactory an

answer as I could have wished. Now, however, I know somewhat more of the rather curious history of the word and venture to set forth here what I know, in case it may be of interest to somebody. If the reader chance to know all about the matter, he can skip what follows and be no worse off.

Analecta, then, as a book title means "crumbs swept up" (the title that the late T DeWitt Talmage once gave to a volume of essays). Anyone that chooses to refer to Dr Murray's English Dictionary will find that the word appears in English in the form *analects* (defined "crumbs which fall from the table") as early as 1623. But if one look up *analecta* in Lewis and Short or the new Thesaurus, he will be informed that the word is a masculine noun latinised from *αναλέκτης* and that it was the peculiar name of the slave that performed the office described in Hor S 2 8 11 sq. But if one will refer to Forcellini or Jesner, he will find a neuter *analecta* and may anticipate the brief history that I am about to give of the word as a modern book title.

Martial 7 20 16 sq. read with a pause after *analecta* in 16 instead of before it (so that the sense of the verse was supposed to be *analecta et quidquid canes reliquerunt* instead of *quidquid analecta et canes reliquerunt*) combined with Martial 14 81, Scopae, read according to the false text *sed pretium Scopis nunc analecta dabunt* (instead of *otia sed scopis nunc analecta dedit*)—these passages were the *fons et origo malorum*. On the basis of them, supposed to contain *analecta* in the sense "crumbs swept up", some person at present unknown to me at some time prior to the year 1623 (as we have already seen) used *analecta* as or in the title of a book. I should like, as a matter of curiosity, to know who that person was; and if any reader of these words can tell me, I shall be grateful. What I am writing is thus, in a sense, an advertisement for a missing person.

It may perhaps be worth while to mention in conclusion that the term *analecta* has been